

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING MARGE TRACEY

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, Marge Tracey, who retires this year, first came to work as a secretary at the AFL-CIO over 35 years ago. She has spent her working life at the AFL-CIO advancing the interest of America's working families. During that time, she has been an integral part of every fight over the last three decades on labor law reform, minimum wage, trade, health care, retirement security, and more. She has been witness to and a key part of many chapters of labor and Congressional history, often working behind the scenes, but always an integral part of progress.

So on the occasion of her retirement, I join with her family, her friends, and all of her colleagues at the AFL-CIO in congratulating her and expressing deep appreciation for all of her dedicated work. Marge Tracey has lived a remarkable life of service to working men and women, and I wish her all the best in the years to come.

## A TRIBUTE TO REMEMBER FRANK MICKENS

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Frank Mickens, the celebrated former principal of Boys & Girls High School.

Mr. Mickens took over as principal of Boys & Girls in 1984. At the time, it was considered one of the worst high schools in New York City. Cutting class was rampant, students were often robbed, and there were few consequences for misbehavior.

Mr. Mickens was undeterred by the challenge. He understood that education meant more than just teachers and tests. He was out to change the culture of the school, to give his students and faculty the supportive learning environment they needed to excel.

Mr. Mickens cared deeply about the well-being of every student. He spent his time motivating students in need of encouragement. If a student needed lunch, often Mr. Mickens would give him the money to buy it. And if a student did not own a tie, Mr. Mickens had a closet full of ties for him to choose, teaching him how to tie it if necessary.

His years of tireless dedication paid off. When Mr. Mickens retired in 2004, Boys & Girls was known as the "Pride and Joy of Bed-Stuy". The graduation rate had improved dramatically and was now sending its students to some of the country's best universities.

Frank Mickens has left behind a living legacy to his lifetime of achievements: The many

thousands of lives he touched and a community reborn.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering Frank Mickens.

## WILLIAM BENEDICT JAMES RESSLER

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William Ressler of Kansas City, Missouri. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 215, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. He was also the recipient of the Eagles Soaring High award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William Ressler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON  
Bill Number: Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities  
Requesting Entity: Missouri Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 105 West Capitol P.O. Box 270 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$650,000 for an environmental study, engineering design work, and construction work on Route 25 in Jackson, Missouri. The funds will be used to alleviate traffic and dangerous conditions on Route 25 between Jackson Trail and the city limits of Jackson, Missouri. The State of Missouri will provide 20% match. All federal funds received will be spent on Route 25 in Jackson, Missouri and will not be transferred to another project.

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Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the expansion of four-lane highway south of Poplar Bluff, Missouri to south of Route 160. The funds would also be used to rehabilitate dangerous intersections on Route 67 at U.S. 160, as well as Missouri Highway 158. The State of Missouri will provide 20% match. All federal funds received will be spent on this project and will not be transferred to another project.

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Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to rehabilitate the Chester Bridge which transverses the Mississippi River from Perry County, Missouri to Randolph County, Illinois. The bridge is vital to the region's transportation needs. The State of Missouri will provide 20% to match the federal contribution. All federal funds received will be spent on rehabilitation of the Chester Bridge and will not be transferred to another project.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON  
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Account: Economic Development Initiatives  
Requesting Entity: Washington County, Missouri

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 N. Missouri Street Potosi, MO 63664

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$300,000 for renovations to make the Washington County, Missouri Building accessible to individuals with disabilities. The Washington County Building is outdated and many sections are inaccessible to individuals in wheelchairs. The federal funds would provide the means for Washington County to bring the building in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for right of way improvements and

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